(b) whether Nepal has offered a number of items for export to Pakistan; and

(c) if so, whether they will be transported through the India Transit point?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. As the trade between Nepal and Pakistan is strictly a bilateral issue between these two countries, the question of Government's reaction does not arise.

(b) Government have seen press reports to this effect.

(c) Nepal's transit trade with Pakistan would be dealt with in the same manner as its transit trade with other countries.

Contents of Pakistan Premier's letter to Indian Prime Minister

2850. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the contents of Pakistan Premier's letter handed over to Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi by Pakistan Foreign Minister during his visit to Delhi at the end of July; and

(b) whether Government have seen Pakistan's Information and Broadcasting Minister's speech in Pakistan Senate that there has been no change in Pakistan's policy on the Kashmir and nuclear issues in the wake of Mr. Gandhi's recent visit to Islamabad; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Pakistan's Foreign Minister, during his visit to Delhi at the end of July, did not hand over any letter from the Prime Minister of Pakistan to our Prime Minister.

(b) Yes, Sir. Government's views on these issues are well known. Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi had stated our position at the Joint Press Conference at Islamabad on 17th July.

Strength of the Officers and Staff of the Personnel Division of ITDC

2851. SHRI J. S. RAJU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what was the strength of officers and the staff of the Personnel Division of ITDC during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what is the number of officials who were promoted during this period year-wise;

(c) what steps have been taken to improve the functioning of Personnel Division of ITDC; and

(d) whether Government propose to take steps to revamp Personnel Division of ITDC in the near future; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The requisite information is given below:—

Year	Strength		Promoted	
	Officers	Staff	Officers	Staff
1986-87	18	46	4	7
1987-88	16	49	Nil	Nil
1988-89	19	51	2	Nil